

Alexandria Gazette.

FRIDAY EVENING, SEPT. 8, 1893.

LONGEVITY OF MAN.—It was Prof. Huxley's opinion that the limit of possible human life may be set at two hundred years—this on the general principle, says the *St. Louis Republic*, that the life of nearly all living creatures is eight times the years, months or weeks of its period of growth. That which quickly comes to maturity quickly perishes, and the earlier complete development is reached the sooner bodily decay ensues. More women reach old age than men, but more men attain remarkable longevity than women.

Horned animals are shorter lived than those without horns, fierce longer than timid, and amphibious creatures longer than those which inhabit the air. The pike will continue to live for one hundred and fifty or one hundred and seventy-five years, and the common turtle is good for at least a century. Passing up the scale of life to man, skipping the patriarchs, we find many recorded instances of extraordinary longevity.

The ancient Egyptians lived three times as long as the modern lotus eaters. Instances of surprising and authentic longevity among the classic Greeks and Romans are not at all rare. Pity notes the fact that in the reign of Emperor Vespasian (73 A. D.) there were 124 men living in a limited area on the River Po who were 100 years old and upward. Three of these were 140 and seven others over 130. Cicero's wife lived to be 105, and the Roman actress Lucilla played in public after she had celebrated her one hundred and twelfth birthday.

SOCIETY DIRECTORY.

Knights Templar, Old Dominion Commandery meets every third Friday of each month at Masonic Temple.

Royal Arch Chapter: Mount Vernon Royal Arch Chapter meets every first Friday of each month at Masonic Temple.

Alexandria-Washington Lodge of Masons meets on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month.

Andrew Jackson Lodge of Masons meets on the first and third Thursdays of each month.

Potomac Lodge of Odd Fellows, No. 38, meets in their hall, on North Columbus street every Friday night.

Surety Lodge E. O. O. F., No. 46, meets in their hall, on King street, every Tuesday night.

Marley Encampment, No. 6, meets every second and fourth Monday at Odd Fellows Hall, north Columbus street.

Mechanics' Lodge, Knights of Pythias, No. 5, meets every Thursday night in Pythian Hall, north Pitt street.

Oriental Lodge Knights of Pythias meets every Friday night on North Pitt street.

Alexandria Lodge K. of P., No. 73, meets Wednesday nights at Sarepta Hall, King street.

Potomac Tent Rehearsals meets in Sarepta Hall every Friday night.

Golden Light Lodge of Good Templars meets in their hall, on south Fairfax street every Tuesday evening.

Tallman Lodge Good Templars meets every Monday night in Pythian Hall, north Pitt street.

Junior Order Rehearsals meets every Monday night at Good Templars' hall, south Fairfax street.

Refuge Council, Sons of Jonadab, No. 12, meets every Monday night at Sarepta Hall.

Juvenile Templars meets every Saturday afternoon at Good Templars' Hall south Fairfax street.

Champion Castle, No. 5, Knights of Golden Eagle meets every Wednesday night at Good Templars' Hall south Fairfax street.

Alexandria Council Royal Arcanum meets in Potomac Hall room, north Columbus street, second and fourth Tuesday.

Belle Haven Lodge Knights of Honor meets every first and third Tuesday in Potomac Lodge room, north Columbus street.

Lebanon and Sons Division Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers meets first and third Sunday in Potomac Lodge room.

Oswald Tribe of Red Men, No. 1, meets every Thursday night in Sarepta Hall.

Alexandria Catholic Beneficial Society meets every Sunday night in St. Mary's Hall, corner Royal and Wolfe streets.

Young Men's Sociality League meets every Sunday night in their hall on Duke street.

Lafayette Lodge, No. 11, Independent Order Mechanics meets Wednesday night at Pythian Hall, north Pitt street.

Alexandria Council, No. 33, Jr. O. U. A. M. meets Thursdays at Washington Hall, King street.

Rathbone Division, Uniform Rank K. of P., meets every other Wednesday at Pythian Castle, Pitt street.

Alexandria Light Infantry meets every Monday night at their Armory, south Royal street.

Confederate Veterans meet first Monday night in each month at Columbia Engine House.

Sons of Confederate Veterans meet first Wednesday in each month.

Mount Vernon Court, No. 7713, A. O. F., of A. meet every Tuesday night at Pythian Hall, north Pitt street.

L. O. B. B. meets first Monday in each month.

Beth-El Congregation meets first Sunday of every quarter.

Opening and Closing of the Mails.
Northern mails close at 7:30 and 9:50 a. m. and 12:30, 6:30 and 8:45 p. m. Open at 8:00 a. m., 12:00 m. and 6:30 p. m.

Southern mails via Charlestonville, close at 7:50 and 11:00 a. m. and 8:45 p. m. Open at 8:00 a. m. and 3:00 p. m.

Chesapeake and Ohio mails close at 1:50 p. m. and 8:45 p. m. Open at 8:00 a. m. and 3:00 p. m.

Southern mails via Richmond, close at 10:45 a. m. and 3:30 and 8:45 p. m. Open at 8:00 a. m. and 12:30 p. m.

Manassas Division mails close at 7:50 a. m. and 4:30 p. m. Open at 9:00 a. m.

Alexandria and Round Hill mails close at 8:40 a. m. and 4:00 p. m. Open at 9:00 a. m. and 5:40 p. m.

Western mails close at 9:45 a. m. and 12:30 p. m. Open at 8:00 a. m. and 12:00 m.

Washington mails close at 7:30 and 9:50 a. m. and 12:30, 4:00, 6:30 and 8:45 p. m. Open at 8:00 and 10:00 a. m., 12:00 m. and 3:30 and 6:30 p. m.

Office Hours—Open at 8:00 a. m. Close at 5:30 p. m. Open at 6:30 p. m. Close at 7:00 p. m.

Sunday Hours—Open at 9:00 a. m. Close at 9:30 a. m.

Carriers' Schedule—Collections made at 6:30 and 10:00 a. m. and 12:20, 3:00 and 5:45 p. m.

Deliveries made at 8:00 a. m., 12:00 m. and 5:30 p. m.

Sundays—Carriers' window open at 9:00 and close at 9:30 a. m.

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